

REMARKS

Claims 39-44, 47-49, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66 and 67 remain pending in the present application. Claims 59, 62 and 65 have been cancelled. Claims 39, 42, 47, 60, 63 and 66 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 39-44 and 47-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brault, et al. ('042) in view of Cotton, et al. ('022). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claims 59 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 59 depended from Claim 39. Claim 39 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 59 and Claim 59 has been cancelled. Thus, Applicants believe Claim 39 and dependent Claims 40 and 41 are allowable. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 62 depended from Claim 42. Claim 42 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 62 and Claim 62 has been cancelled. Thus, Applicants believe Claim 42 and dependent Claims 43 and 44 are allowable. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 65 depended from Claim 47. Claim 47 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 65 and Claim 65 has been cancelled. Thus, Applicants believe Claim 47 and dependent Claims 48 and 49 are allowable. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 59-67 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 59, 62 and 65 have been cancelled with their limitations being added to their respective base Claims 39, 42 and 47.

Claims 60, 63 and 66 have been amended to depend from Claims 39, 42 and 47 respectively.

Claims 61, 64 and 67 depend from Claims 60, 63 and 66, respectively.

CONCLUSION


It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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